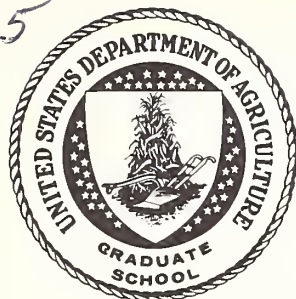


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 7

Faculty Luncheon - "Adult Training Experiences Under the Manpower Development and Training Act" - Dr. John P. Walsh, Assistant Manpower Administrator, Department of Labor

MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT

"Improving the environment should not mean only correcting pollution or the other evils of technological and urban growth. It should be a creative process through which man and nature continue to evolve in harmony."

With these words, Rene Dubos, of the Rockefeller University, summed up his



LECTURER AND REACTORS--Dr. Dubos (center), first lecturer in our Spring lecture series "Environmental Improvement...Air, Water, and Soil," poses with "reactors" who spoke following his talk, Theodore C. Byerly (left), Administrator, Cooperative State Research Service, USDA, and Leonard Dworsky, Cornell University.

remarks on "Man and His Environment--Scope, Impact, and Nature" on May 10, as he delivered the first in our Spring lecture series on "Environmental Improvement...Air, Water, and Soil."

"...man's fundamental nature and his responses to his environment have not changed significantly since the Stone Age," Dr. Dubos pointed out, adding that another point of view confirms "the obvious truth that since human societies are constantly changing, they must endlessly transform the environment in which they function."

"There is profound biological truth in the words of Paul the Apostle, 'Man is of the earth, earthy.' ... The ancient Greeks symbolized this truth in the legend of Anteus who lost all his strength as soon as his two feet were simultaneously off the ground.

"For reasons difficult to define scientifically, but nonetheless imperative, man needs now and then, and perhaps often, to reestablish contact with the natural environment in order to recover his physiological vitality and psychological sanity.

"Exposure to toxic agents is not a new experience for mankind. It became prevalent as soon as man escaped from the restraints of organic evolution and began civilized life. In the past, the rate of change was generally so slow that mankind could make the adjustments necessary for survival. ... In contrast, the rate of technological and social changes is now so rapid that they affect almost simultaneously all parts of the world and all economic classes. There is no longer enough time for the orderly and successful operation of the unconscious adaptive processes that were the salvation of mankind in the past. Biologically and socially, the experience of the father is becoming almost useless to the son.

"As man continues to modify nature and to create new civilizations, unexpected dangers will continuously arise. The most man can do is, on the one hand, to make sure that environmental changes that he brings about do not outstrip his adaptive potentialities, and, on the other hand, to govern his adaptive responses in such manner that they do not decrease the qualities of his life.

"Environmental planning has become necessary because man cannot be safely dissociated from the natural forces under which he evolved and that have molded his own unchangeable biological nature.

"At its highest level, civilized life is a form of exploration which helps man rediscover his unity with nature. In the words of T.S. Eliot:

" 'We shall not cease from exploring,
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.' "



LUNCHEON SPEAKER AND GUESTS -- Remarks of our May luncheon speaker, David Reich (second from left), were of special interest to these USDA luncheon guests, left to right: Lester P. Condon, Inspector General; Mr. Reich; G. Osmund Hyde, Chief, Office of Hearing Examiners; and Thomas J. Flavin, Judicial Officer.

EQUALITY UNDER LAW

We observed Law Day, U.S.A., at our May faculty luncheon with a stimulating talk by David Reich, a long-time member of our Legal Subcommittee and a former special assistant to the Attorney General, who is now engaged in the private practice of the law.

Mr. Reich, speaking on the topic, "Equality Under Law," opened by quoting an ancient verse:

"The law doth punish man or woman
Who steals the goose from off the common,
And lets the greater felon loose
Who steals the common from the goose."

He went on to contrast the way a rich man, or a man of moderate means, is treated in case he is accused of breaking the law and the way a poor man is treated, citing differences in access to counsel, in the access to bail and to pre-trial freedom, and, consequently, in opportunity to prepare an adequate defense.

He said that in his opinion defendants who are forced to await trial in jail are more frequently convicted than those who are able to get out on bail and to come to court well-dressed and in a dignified manner.

Mr. Reich suggested that our bail system needs reform--that it is important that a defendant have access to a lawyer at every stage of proceedings against him--and that it is important that men do not linger in jail awaiting trial. He added that several states are instituting public defender systems, and that another reform being suggested is the freeing of defendants on their own recognizance. In addition, he said, our jury system is due for review. "The strength of democracy," he concluded, "is the extent to which we can bring real equality under law to everyone."

NEWS NOTES

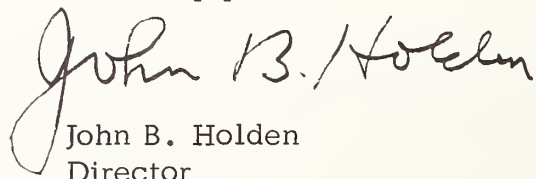
Carl W. Tiller, a member of our Budgetary and Financial Administration Committee, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from his alma mater, Concordia (Minn.) College on May 1. He is chief of the Budget Methods Division, Office of Budget Review, Bureau of the Budget.

John H. Finlator, who conducts our Dynamics of Organization Seminar, recently was named to head up a new bureau of the Food and Drug Administration, the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control. He previously was director of the Office of Manpower Administration within the General Services Administration.

Dr. Ruth M. Leverton, Assistant Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service and chairman of our Biological Sciences Department, was honored May 3 when she was given a citation by the District of Columbia Home Economics Association for "outstanding contributions in the...field of home economics."

A communication from Herbert J. Kramer, Director of Public Affairs for the Office of Economic Opportunity, asks us to inform staff members that there is great need for young people to help out with Project Head Start this summer. Centers are looking for "enthusiastic young people to take children on outings, to supervise outdoor play, to read and tell stories, to act as case aides to social workers, to help recruit the children, and enlist parents' participation."

Sincerely yours,


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